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Roberts Mill, N.S. Bemis Mill
Broad Creek at Mill Green
Street, Maryland 21154

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Title Search
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	1045	257	1977	Grantor: Trustees of the estate of F. Lawrence Goodwin Grantee: Richard D. Poteet Acreage: 174.83 acres
GCB	251	158	1938	Grantor: J. Glasgow Archer Grantee: F. Lawrence Goodwin Acreage: 41 acres
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SWC	227	37	1933	Grantor: Sydney D. Peverly Grantee: F. Lawrence Goodwin
JAR	150	11	1915	Grantor: John B. Roberts, executor Grantee: George V. Peverly Acreage: 104 acres
WSR	9	376	1876	Grantor: Last Will and Testament of Margaret Street Grantee: John Roberts (the power to sell)
WHD	17	185	1866	Grantor: Archer H. Jarrett Grantee: Margaret Street Acreage: 43 acres "John's Adventure" a grist and sawmill
HD	21	214	1838	Grantor: Nathan Bemis Grantee: Thomas H. Roberts
HD	12	138	1829	Grantor: John Andrew Grantee: Nathan Bemis Acreage: 8½ acres
HD	6	50	1829	Grantor: John Andrew Grantee: John Andrew Acreage: 8½ acres "John's Adventure"
HD	13	339	1830	Grantor: Stephen Cooper Grantee: Nathan Bemis Acreage: 588½ acres "John's Adventure"
HD	11	355	1828	Grantor: Nathan Bemis Grantee: Samuel Cooper
HD	16	49	1833	Grantor: Henry Dorsey Grantee: Nathan Bemis Acreage: 245 acres
HD	5	61	1821	Grantor: John Ashmore Grantee: Susanna Bemis

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220

1802

Acreage: 1658³/₄ acres

Grantor: William Ashmore

Grantee: David Stokes

Acreage: "John's Adventure" a mill

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

HA-93
MAEI # 1300934403

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Roberts Mill, N.S. Bemis Mills

AND/OR COMMON

Mill Green Mill

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Broad Creek near the intersection of Mill Green and Prospect Roads

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Street

VICINITY OF

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

☐ STRUCTURE

☐ SITE

☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS

☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED

☒ UNOCCUPIED

☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED

☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED

☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE

☐ COMMERCIAL

☐ EDUCATIONAL

☐ ENTERTAINMENT

☐ GOVERNMENT

☐ INDUSTRIAL

☐ MILITARY

☐ MUSEUM

☐ PARK

☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

☐ RELIGIOUS

☐ SCIENTIFIC

☐ TRANSPORTATION

☒ OTHER: Bath house

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Richard D. Poteet

Telephone #: 879-4095
836-1675

STREET & NUMBER

Ady Road

CITY, TOWN

STATE, zip code

Street

VICINITY OF

Maryland 21154

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #: 1045

Folio #: 257

STREET & NUMBER

40 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED	insides removed	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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The 1798 Tax List mentions a dwelling and a two story, stone, grist mill measuring 25 by 45 feet. This is very close to the present mill's dimensions and it is thought that the present mill was built onto in older Mill's foundations.

The insides of this grist mill were removed some time ago to make room for storage and a comfortable bath house.

Windows in the building are an unusual six lights over six: the upper sash is "vertical" with three rows of two panes in each. The lower sash has 2 rows with three panes in each.

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

1827

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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Bemis expanded the business, adding a forge and an "ordinary". The present mill bears witness to Bemis' enterprise with its datestone inscribed "N.S. Bemis Mills 1827," the year of completion of construction.

Thomas H. Roberts, Sr. purchased the property from Bemis in 1838. The mill continued to operate until approximately 1920.

The insides of the mill were removed sometime ago.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

The Aegis, "Two Hundred Years on John's Adventure," by Mary Bristow, June 30, 1977.

Preston, Walter W., History of Harford County
Press of the Sun Book Office, Baltimore, 1901.

Wright, C. Milton; Our Harford Heritage, French Bray Press, Baltimore, 1967.

Harford Directory, 1953.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 174.83 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This property is bounded on the north by Day Road, on the west by long land, on the east by the property of B.W. Buchner and on the south by Broad Creek.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Susan M. Deeney, Field Historian

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Historic District Commission

STREET & NUMBER

1/78

TELEPHONE

45 South Main Street

CITY OR TOWN

838-6000, ext. 207

STATE

Bel Air

Maryland 21014

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

N. P. FIELD SHEET
1300934403

STATE: _____

COUNTY: _____

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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

1. NAME

COMMON: *The Mill at Mill Green*

AND/OR HISTORIC: *Roberts' Mill*

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: *Southeast corner of intersection Mill Green Road and*

CITY OR TOWN: *Mill Green, near Street Prospect Road (Rd 543).*

STATE: *Maryland* COOE: _____ COUNTY: *Harford* COOE: _____

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
		Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input type="checkbox"/>

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>	
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Private museum</i>	
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Private museum</i>	

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME: *Lawrence F. Goodwin*

STREET AND NUMBER: *Mill Green*

CITY OR TOWN: *Street* STATE: *Maryland* COOE: _____

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: *Clark of the Circuit Court*

STREET AND NUMBER: *Harford County Courthouse 40 S. Main St*

CITY OR TOWN: *Bel Air* STATE: *MD.* COOE: _____

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: _____

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: _____

DATE OF SURVEY: _____ Federal ☐ State ☐ County ☐ Local ☐

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: _____

STREET AND NUMBER: _____

CITY OR TOWN: _____ STATE: _____ COOE: _____

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Color: 6899

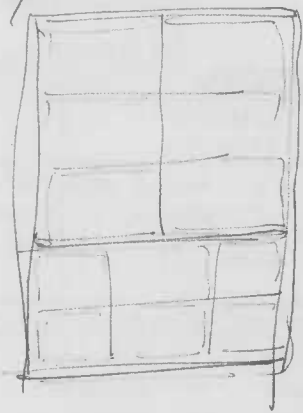
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Stone mill, two bays by two,
 three stories high. The windows are
 an unusual sash arrangement of six lights
 over six, as sketched:



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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian <input type="checkbox"/>	16th Century <input type="checkbox"/>	18th Century <input type="checkbox"/>	20th Century <input type="checkbox"/>
15th Century <input type="checkbox"/>	17th Century <input type="checkbox"/>	19th Century <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1829

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal <input type="checkbox"/>	Education <input type="checkbox"/>	Political <input type="checkbox"/>	Urban Planning <input type="checkbox"/>
Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/>	Engineering <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Religion/Philosophy <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>
Historic <input type="checkbox"/>	Industry <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Science <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Historic</u>
Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/>	Invention <input type="checkbox"/>	Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/>	
Art <input type="checkbox"/>	Landscape <input type="checkbox"/>	Social/Humanitarian <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Commerce <input type="checkbox"/>	Architecture <input type="checkbox"/>	Theater <input type="checkbox"/>	
Communications <input type="checkbox"/>	Literature <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	
Conservation <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>		
	Music <input type="checkbox"/>		

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

Built in 1829, this first mill used power from a swift, well-built millstream, and doubled for many years as a saw mill.

Condition of mill machinery may make this mill ~~not~~ worth ~~preserving~~ preserving for ~~historical~~ historic and scientific use in the schools.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Wright, C. Milton Our Harbor Heritage p 177-8

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	0 ' "	0 ' "		0 ' "	0 ' "	
NE	0 ' "	0 ' "		0 ' "	0 ' "	
SE	0 ' "	0 ' "		0 ' "	0 ' "	
SW	0 ' "	0 ' "		0 ' "	0 ' "	

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	COOE	COUNTY	COOE
STATE:	COOE	COUNTY:	COOE
STATE:	COOE	COUNTY:	COOE
STATE:	COOE	COUNTY:	COOE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: <u>Sean J. Swier</u>		
ORGANIZATION: <u>Maryland Historic Trust</u>	DATE: <u>Jan '70</u>	
STREET AND NUMBER: <u>50 State Circle</u>		
CITY OR TOWN: <u>Annapolis</u>	STATE: <u>Maryland</u>	COOE

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

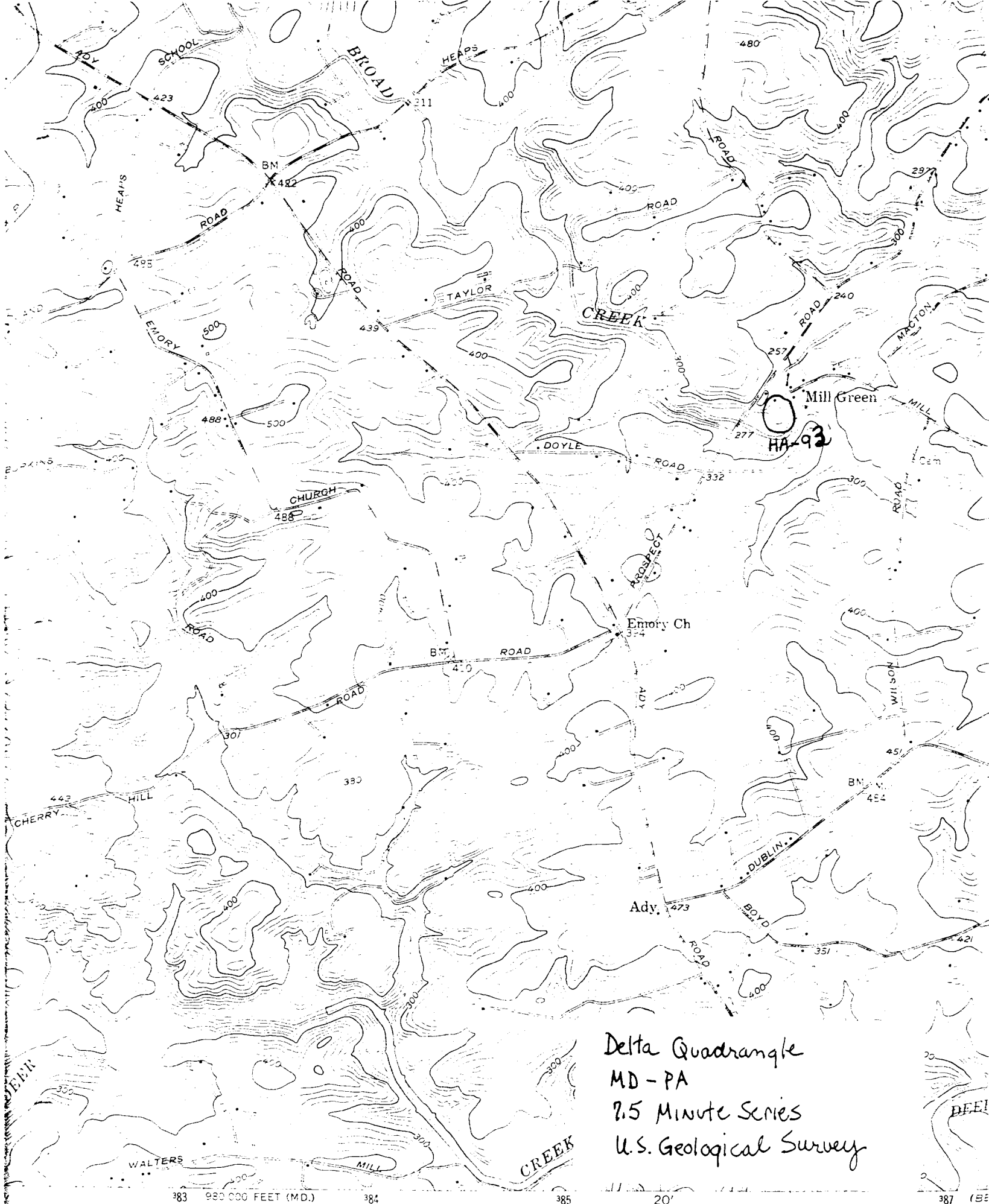
Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

SEE INSTRUCTIONS



Delta Quadrangle
MD-PA
7.5 Minute Series
U.S. Geological Survey



Robert's Mill/Mill Green Mill

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Street, MD 21154

Susan M. Deeney

1/78

South